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the mansion house might have been erected about a century and a half ago—one stone bore the following inscription:

JOHN WHARTON
1784.

Another, easier to decipher, read as follows:

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH WHARTON, DAUGHTER
OF WILLIAM AND MARGARET WILLIAMS BORN IN
ACCOMAC COUNTY 14TH MAY 1769,
MARRIED JOHN WHARTON 1784,
DIED NOVEMBER 13TH 1831.

The other stones were so weather worn, that it was not possible to decipher names or dates.

There are numerous local traditions relating to the old family relations.

Query: Who knows anything about this branch of the Wharton family?
BETHLEHEM, PA. A. S. SCHROPP.

Book Notice.

NARRATIVES OF EARLY PENNSYLVANIA, WEST NEW JERSEY AND DELAWARE, 1630-1707.

In his "Narratives of Early Pennsylvania, West New Jersey and Delaware, 1630-1707," compiled by Mr. Albert Cook Myers for the series of original narratives reproduced under the auspices of the American Historical Association, the compiler has made a most useful contribution to our sources of historical information, and has given the student the opportunity to utilize many almost inaccessible contemporaneous descriptions of voyages and colonizations. Several of these narratives are here translated into English for the first time. All of them are enriched by copious notes giving biographical information concerning the persons mentioned, and geographical information enabling the reader to fix the locations of the places to which references are made. Oftentimes such references in the text are obscure because of changes in spelling, and in names. These notes, often accompanied by citations of authorities, are the outcome of the abundant information of Mr. Myers, due to long, continued and careful investigation. There are likewise three illustrations, two maps and a facsimile title page, and the typography is to be commended.

This useful book would have been even more satisfactory if the scheme of the American Historical Association, which seems to have demanded a volume limited in size, had not made necessary the omission of many interesting narratives of the period selected concerning this central and important part of the country. Thus we fail to find the voyages of Van der Donck, Daniel Falkners "Curiense Nachricht," Pieter Cornelius Ploekhoy's "Kort en Klaer Ontwerp" (1662), in many respects more important than any of those included, "A further account of New Jersey" (1676), and several others. There is one paper relating to the earliest settlement by the Dutch and seven concerning the subsequent settlement by the Swedes, one of them written fifty-two years later than the period designated. In an entirely correct presentation of the history of the country, bordering upon the South River (Delaware), priority and consequence must ever be accorded to the Dutch, for the reason given by William Penn in his letter to the Society of Traders (1683): "The first Planters in these parts were the Dutch, and soon after them the Swedes and Finns."

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